GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had accorded top priority to education sector in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the allocation made for elementary education during the Ninth Plan;

(c) whether many States have failed to utilize the allocation fully on elementary education;

(d) if so, the details of allocation made and the extent to which Maharashtra has succeeded in utilizing the allocation during the Ninth Plan period, till date; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for fully utilization of the funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The allocation for elementary education during the Ninth Five Year Plan is Rs.16369.59 crore.

(c) State-wise budget allocations are not made under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes administered by the Department. Grants are, however, released to State Governments keeping in view the proposals received, availability of resources and progress of utilization of funds earlier released under each scheme.

(d) & (e) During the Ninth Five Year Plan, till date, Rs.258.06 crorehas been released to Maharashtra under various schemes in the elementary education sector, out of which, Rs. 202.52 crore has been utilised. Utilisation of grants released under various schemes by State Governments is constantly monitored through field visits, periodical performance appraisal, evaluation etc.